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State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Central Valley District  
22708 Broadway Street  
Columbia, CA 95310

**PROJECT TITLE:** Convert residences 2,3,4,5 to rental units, Interior/Exterior Rehabilitation and ADA Access

**LOCATION:** Calaveras Big Trees State Park

**COUNTY:** Calaveras

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The project purpose is to repair damaged materials including sheetrock and roofs, replace heaters, hand railing, flooring and bathroom fixtures, and repaint interiors of residential units at Calaveras Big Trees State Park to convert these structures from residential occupancy to rental housing for the public. Work will include various elements to bring the structures into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements including:

1. Residence #2: remove 4'W x 3"D x 37'L concrete walkway, excavate 6" D x 19'W x 36'L for the installation of asphalt parking area, construct new concrete walkway from edge of new asphalt parking pad to the area where the concrete walkway was removed (approximately 15' of new walkway to be constructed). Excavate area 21'L x 40'W x 10" D, apply road base and asphalt to provide ADA compliant parking.
2. Residence #3:
  - a. Interior – Remove two bathroom walls to construct new ADA bathroom, install new ADA compliant fixtures and finishes in bathroom, remove old kitchen cabinets install new ADA cabinets. Move and install new 36" W porch entry door.
  - b. ADA Ramps - Construct two ADA compliant ramps in the front porch area of the residence, measuring 4'W x 52' L. Work entails constructing 26 formed concrete piers measuring 14" square by 10" D, two ramp base footings measuring 12" W x 8" D x 5'L for support structure, Trex composite decking (saddle color) and Douglas fir dimensioned lumber for the railings and stairs and galvanized ADA railings. The other ramp will be located on the west side of the residence, measures 4' W x 37' 6" L and will be constructed out of the same materials.
    1. Remove and dispose offsite of approximately 55 LF of 4'W x 3" D concrete walkway and replace with new that connects with ADA Ramp and ADA parking pad.
    2. Stain posts, railings, stairs and stringers with paint product, color "Oxford Brown".
  - c. Excavate area 46'W x 28'L x 10" D for the construction of an ADA concrete parking pad measuring 5" D x 43'W x 25' L. Parking pad will consist of 4" of concrete over 5" of aggregate base material.
  - d. Excavate 40'W x 12'L x 12" D to install a concrete pad over aggregate base material to bring parking area up to grade.
  - e. Excavate and grade a 53'L x 13' W x 12" D area from the main park access road to the edge of the ADA concrete pad, and install a concrete pad over 12" of aggregate base for parking extension and access road.
  - f. Excavate 14" W x 16' L x 20" D to install a culvert at the transition point of where the new access road to Residence #3 meets the main residence road. Apply 3"D x 13W x 53'L asphalt road surface.
3. Garage:
  - a. The existing four car garage will be converted to a recreation room for use by the guests utilizing the cabin rentals. The work includes removing the rollup garage doors while keeping trim in place, installing two 4' X 6' double insulated windows, new exterior siding, two 36"W x 6'8" H ADA compliant entry doors, electrical service panel, new wiring throughout, light fixtures, ceiling fans, wood stove, insulating the interior walls and ceiling, installing sheetrock throughout the interior and painting the interior. All work will be reversible.
  - b. Remove 45'L x 7'W existing asphalt road surface located from the edge of existing garage and saw cut 7' north of the garage and install ADA grate drainage system. Excavate 10" below grade, install rebar and concrete slab to no greater than 5% grade. Install 2'W x 3- 4" D of asphalt road surface and make smooth transition to concrete slab measuring 45' L.

All work will be done in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Historic Preservation and will be reversible.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Central Valley District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**


- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section: )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3, 4 Section: 15301, 15303, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of repair and maintenance of existing public structure involving no expansion of use beyond that currently existing; conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made to the exterior of the structure; and minor public alterations in the condition of land which do not involve removal of healthy, mature scenic trees and is included as "utility repairs", "non-historical building repairs" modifications of existing facilities for disabled access" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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